

## Senate Resolution 834

By: Senators Miles of the 43rd, Tate of the 38th, Jones of the 10th and Reed of the 35th

## A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Dr. Yvonne S. Butler; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Dr. Yvonne S. Butler has been addressing the problem of obesity among  
3 American school children with impressive results, using her experience as an elementary  
4 school principal, public speaker, and author; and

5 WHEREAS, Dr. Butler has authored three books on healthy living, including her latest book,  
6 *Healthy Kids, Smart Kids: The Principal-Created, Parent-Tested, Kid-Approved Nutrition*  
7 *Plan for Sound Bodies and Strong Minds*, which showcases her passion for healthy living and  
8 offers practical, medically sound methods by which schools and families can win the war  
9 against obesity; and

10 WHEREAS, as principal of Browns Mill Elementary Arts and Magnet School, DeKalb  
11 County's only National School of Excellence, Dr. Butler put her methods into practice by  
12 declaring the school a "sugar free zone," banning processed sugars, high-fat processed foods,  
13 and soft drinks from the school cafeteria menu, and the results were immediate and dramatic:  
14 the number of students visiting the school nurse during the first hour of the day declined by  
15 30 percent, teacher referrals for disciplinary concerns dropped by 28 percent, and counseling  
16 referrals decreased by 23 percent; and

17 WHEREAS, Dr. Butler's program at Browns Mill Elementary has become a model for other  
18 schools across the county, and the Georgia Beverage Association is now removing soft  
19 drinks from elementary school cafeterias throughout the state; and

20 WHEREAS, she has traveled extensively around the country carrying the message of healthy  
21 living to colleges and social and civic organizations, and her company, Ennovy, Inc.,  
22 successfully conducted its Wellness Behavior Management Program to combat obesity at

1 Jackson State University in Jackson, Mississippi, the first program of its kind aimed at  
2 college students; and

3 WHEREAS, Dr. Butler has been featured on ABC's *World News Tonight* and FOX News  
4 and has appeared in such magazines as *Essence* and *Upscale Magazine*; and

5 WHEREAS, it is only right and proper that this pioneer on the front line in the war on obesity  
6 be recognized and commended.

7 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE the members of this body  
8 recognize and commend Dr. Yvonne S. Butler for her innovation and her campaign against  
9 obesity.

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
11 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Dr. Yvonne S. Butler.